

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 27, 2004

IN RE:

**PETITION OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR
ARBITRATION WITH BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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**DOCKET NO.
04-00059**

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer upon the joint request of Level 3 Communications, LLC and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to postpone the deadline for filing the joint Issues Matrix from April 26, 2004, as ordered by the Directors at the April 12, 2004 Authority Conference, until May 3, 2004. The Parties filed this request on April 27, 2004, asserting that an agreement in resolution of all outstanding issues raised in this Docket has been reached. Because of this agreement, the Parties are seeking leave to file with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on May 3, 2004 as follows: (1) notice that all issues have been resolved; OR (2) the joint Issues Matrix and the agreed procedural schedule as ordered by the Pre-Arbitration Officer on April 22, 2004. For the reasons specified, the request is well taken and is hereby granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

No later than May 3, 2004, the Parties shall notify the TRA that all issues have been resolved and withdraw the petition for arbitration or shall file a joint Issues Matrix and an agreed procedural schedule for completion of the arbitration.



Kim Beals, Counsel
as Pre-Arbitration Officer